

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7-14 are pending in the present application. Claims 8 and 12 have been amended, and Claims 1-5 and 15-22 have been cancelled, herewith. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants are not conceding in this application that Claims 1-5 and 8-22, prior to their being amended and cancelled herewith, are not patentable over the cited art provided by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of what is believed to be allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 7-14 and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed towards non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In a telephonic interview with the Examiner on 6/25/2007, the Examiner stated that Claim 7 was incorrectly included in the list of claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

In this same interview, the Examiner suggested that Claims 8 and 12 be amended to recite 'recordable' instead of 'readable', and Applicants are herewith amending such claims accordingly.

With respect to Claims 20-22, Applicants have cancelled such claims herewith, without prejudice or disclaimer, such that this case can expeditiously pass to issuance.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 7-14 and 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 has been overcome.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 102, Anticipation

Claims 1-4, 15 and 18-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lautenbach-Lampe (US Patent No. 6,279,120 B1). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have cancelled such claims herewith, without prejudice or disclaimer, such that this case can expeditiously pass to issuance.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 1-4, 15 and 18-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) has been overcome.

III. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Obviousness

Claims 5, 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Lautenbach-Lampe (US Patent No. 6,279,120 B1). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have cancelled such claims herewith, without prejudice or disclaimer, such that this case can expeditiously pass to issuance.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 5, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 has been overcome.

IV. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited reference and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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